Companial (Sepecial Provision) Act, 1985.

Closure of Handloom Industries

6567. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Handloom industries dosed down in the country and Gujarat, in particular, State-wise during the last two years;

(b) whether the State Government have requested for financial assistance for providing loans to handloom weavers to revive those industries; and

(c) if so, the details of the assistance provided?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) According to the State Government there is no permanent closure as such of any handloom units in the Country during the last two years. However, only the Government of Bihar has reported closure of 11000 handloom units in the last two years due to rapid increase in prices of hank yarn etc., According to the Government of Gujarat, no handloom industrial cooperative society was closed in that State during the last two years. (1992-93 and 1993-94).

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Export of Handloom and Handicraft Products from Gujarat

6568. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the value of handloom and handicraft products exported from Gujarat, during each of the three years, particularly from Saurashtra region;

(b) whether there is a vast scope for increasing the export of these items from that State; and

(c) if so, the measures taken in this regard during 1994-95?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) State-wise data on exports of handloom and handicraft items are not maintained.

(b) yes Sir. There is some scope for increasing exports of Gujarat's handloom and handicraft goods, particularly Zari, Tie & Dye and Hand-printed textiles etc.

(c) Government have been taking a number of steps to boost exports of handloom and handicraft products from the country, including Gujarat, such as sponsoring Buyer Seller Meets, Participation in fairs in major markets, releasing advertisements in foreign trade magazines, product development and quality upgradation through appropriate training programmes etc.

गुजरात से कपास का निर्यात

6569. **श्री अनन्तराय देवशंकर देवः** क्या वस्त्र मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे किः

(क) गत तीन वर्षों और चालू वर्ष के दौरान, अलग-अलग, गुजरात से कितनी-कितनी मात्रा में कपास का निर्यात किया गया;

(ख) क्या सरकार ने कपास के निर्यात हेतु नए बाजारों का पता लगाने हेतु कोई कदम उठाए हैं; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो उनका ब्यौरा क्या है?

वस्त्र मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री जी० वेंकट स्वामी): (क) पिछले तीन वर्षों तथा चालू वर्ष के दौरान गुजरात से निर्यात की गई कपास की मात्रा इस प्रकार है:—